

## QUEEN JULIANA OPENS PARLIAMENT

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To the historic Knights' Hall at the Hague the Queen of the Netherlands drove with her Consort in the Golden State coach. Her Majesty was opening the autumn session of the States General and in the Hall members of both the Upper and Lower Houses met in her honour. Since Queen Juliana's last speech from the Throne had come the great/tidal floods that overwhelmed the northern provinces - greatest disaster for Holland in modern times. For the work of reconstruction the Queen hoped her legislators would receive divine help and guidance.

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Such state occasions illustrate the deep affection in which the democratic Dutch hold their royal house.